

SENATE BILL 2872

By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 6, and to amend Chapter __ of the Public Acts of 2006 (HB 7001/ SB 7001) relative to lobbyists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter __ of the Public Acts of 2006 (HB 7001 /SB 7001) is amended by deleting subsection (j) of § 3-6-304 in SECTION 35 and substituting instead the following:

(j) No lobbyist shall offer or make any campaign contribution, including any in-kind contribution, to or on behalf of the governor or any member of the general assembly or any candidate for the office of governor, state senator or state representative.

However, a lobbyist may offer or make a campaign contribution to or on behalf of the state senator for the senatorial district in which the lobbyist is a qualified voter, or the state representative for the representative district in which the lobbyist is a qualified voter, or a candidate for the office of state senator for the senatorial district in which the lobbyist is a qualified voter, or a candidate for the office of state representative for the representative district in which the lobbyist is a qualified voter. A lobbyist is not prohibited from offering or making a contribution to or on behalf of any political party or organization, unless the contribution is knowingly offered or made by the lobbyist to circumvent the prohibitions set forth in this subsection.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.